

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE UNITED STATES ELECTED OFFICE

In re Application of : Binding et al.
Serial No. : 09/743,844 Examiner : Unassigned
I.A. Filing Date : November 23, 1998 Art Unit : Unassigned
For : METHOD OF ESTABLISHING THE
TRUSTWORTHINESS OF A PARTICIPANT IN A
COMMUNICATION CONNECTION

August 9, 2001

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents:
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicant(s) hereby petition for an extension of time for a total period of five (5) month(s) through and including August 13, 2001 to respond to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 mailed on February 13, 2001. If an additional extension of time is required to insure that this paper is timely filed, please consider this a petition therefor.

The Response for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.

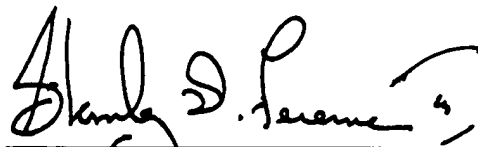
Applicant is other than a small entity and the extension fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)-(d) is calculated below:

	large entity	small entity
() one month	\$110	\$55
() two months	\$390	\$195
() three months	\$890	\$445
() four months	\$1,390	\$695
(X) five months	\$1,890	\$945

Please charge **IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510** in the amount of \$1,890.00 to cover fee for a five (5) month extension of time. In the event of non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit **Deposit Account No. 50-0510** as required to correct the error. Duplicate copies of this document are enclosed.

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